the opportunity to discuss the emigration procedure with some of the Indians at Dubai and Bahrain. The suggestions received are being considered.

(d) Six additional categories of workers viz., supervisors (all professions), skilled workers (all professions); light/Medium/ heavy vehicle drivers, clerical workers of all categories including stenographers, storekeepers, timekeepers, typists etc., and cooks excluding those domestic employment have been placed in ECNR (Emigration Clearance Not Required) category w.e.f. 4 October, 91. This concession is presently valid upto 3 April, 1993. With this enlargement of ECNR categories, the regulatory role of the Protectors of Emigrants has been considerably reduced.

उत्तर प्रदेश में बंधुआ मजदूरों के रूप में आदिवासी

1137. श्री शांति त्यागी : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के बांदा जिले के पाठा क्षेत्र में रहने वाले कोल आदिवासियों को आज भी बंधुआ मजदूर बनाकर रखा जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन मजदूरों को मुक्त कराने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवार) :

(क) और (ख) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से सूचना मांगी गयी है, प्राप्त हो जाने पर सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Status of Tea Workers

1138. DR. ABRAR AHMED :
SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tea Workers are the lowest paid in the organised sector;

(b) whether any study has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) No, Sir. The average daily earnings of workers in coffee plantations (Rs. 11.58) and Mines (Rs. 15.68) are lower than those of workers in Tea Plantaions (Rs. 15.86).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The 4th Round of Occupational Wage Survey was conducted during 1985-90 in 53 industries comprising 3 plantations, 5 mines and 45 manufacturing industries. Average daily earnings of workers in the plantaion sector ranged from Rs. 11.58 in cofee to Rs. 21.00 in Rubber, in the mining sector from Rs. 15.68 in Mica to Rs. 67.38 in Coal and in the manufacturing sector from Rs. 24.09 in Tea processing factories to Rs. 88.71 in manufacture of Electrical industrial Machinery, Appliances and Parts.

New Wage Board for Journalists

1139. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI :
SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS :
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that journalists and non-journalist employees of newspapers and news agencies, recently, observed protest day throughout the country demanding a new wage board;

(b) whether the reprsentatives of union of journalists had discussed the issue with him;

(c) whether Government have received vrious representation from the newspaper industry and journalists on this issue;

(d) if so, the name of the organisations and views expressed by them;

(e) whether Government have taken a decision in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?